



## POLICY INFORMATION

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# 1. Aims

The aims of our first aid policy are to:

- Ensure the health and safety of all staff, students and visitors
- Ensure that staff and governors are aware of their responsibilities with regards to health and safety
- Provide a framework for responding to an incident and recording and reporting the outcomes

# 2. Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on advice from the Department for Education on [first aid in schools](#) and [health and safety in schools](#), and the following legislation:

- [The Health and Safety \(First Aid\) Regulations 1981](#), which state that employers must provide adequate and appropriate equipment and facilities to enable first aid to be administered to employees, and qualified first aid personnel
- [The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992](#), which require employers to make an assessment of the risks to the health and safety of their employees
- [The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999](#), which require employers to carry out risk assessments, make arrangements to implement necessary measures, and arrange for appropriate information and training
- [The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations \(RIDDOR\) 2013](#), which state that some accidents must be reported to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), and set out the timeframe for this and how long records of such accidents must be kept
- [Social Security \(Claims and Payments\) Regulations 1979](#), which set out rules on the retention of accident records
- [The School Premises \(England\) Regulations 2012](#), which require that suitable space is provided to cater for the medical and therapy needs of pupils

# 3. Roles and responsibilities

## 3.1 Appointed person(s) and first aiders

The school's appointed persons are (see Appendix 1). They are responsible for:

- Taking charge when someone is injured or becomes ill
- Ensuring there is an adequate supply of medical materials in first aid kits, and replenishing the contents of these kits
- Ensuring that an ambulance or other professional medical help is summoned when appropriate

First aiders are trained and qualified to carry out the role (see section 7) and are responsible for:

- Acting as first responders to any incidents; they will assess the situation where there is an injured or ill person, and provide immediate and appropriate treatment
- Sending students home to recover, where necessary
- Recording in Medical Tracker
- Keeping their contact details up to date

Our school's first aiders are listed in appendix 1. Their names will also be displayed prominently around the school.

### **3.2 The local authority and governing board**

Cheshire East has ultimate responsibility for health and safety matters in the school, but delegates responsibility for the strategic management of such matters to the school's governing board.

The governing board delegates operational matters and day-to-day tasks to the Headteacher and staff members.

### **3.3 The School Business Manager/Office Supervisor**

They are responsible for the implementation of this policy, including:

- Ensuring that an appropriate number of trained first aid personnel are present in the school at all times
- Ensuring that first aiders have an appropriate qualification, keep training up to date and remain competent to perform their role
- Ensuring all staff are aware of first aid procedures
- Ensuring appropriate risk assessments are completed and appropriate measures are put in place
- Undertaking, or ensuring that managers undertake, risk assessments, as appropriate, and that appropriate measures are put in place
- Ensuring that adequate space is available for catering to the medical needs of students
- Reporting specified incidents to the HSE when necessary (see section 6)

### **3.4 Staff**

School staff are responsible for:

- Ensuring they follow first aid procedures
- Ensuring they know who the first aiders in school are
- Completing accident reports (see appendix 2) for all incidents they attend. These should then be passed to the Student Services Office or Office Supervisor in the main office.
- Informing the Headteacher or their Line Manager of any specific health conditions or first aid needs

## **4. First aid and student sickness procedures**

### **4.1 In-school procedures**

In the event of an accident resulting in injury:

- The closest member of staff present will assess the seriousness of the injury and seek the assistance of a qualified first aider, if appropriate, who will provide the required first aid treatment
- The first aider, if called, will assess the injury and decide if further assistance is needed from a colleague or the emergency services. They will remain on scene until help arrives
- The first aider will also decide whether the injured person should be moved or placed in a recovery position
- If the first aider judges that a student is too unwell to remain in school, parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child. Upon their arrival, the first aider will recommend next steps to the parents
- If emergency services are called, a member of the office staff will contact parents. immediately
- The first aider will complete an accident report form on the same day in Medical Tracker as soon as is reasonably practical after an incident resulting in an injury. The Office Supervisor will then input it on PRIME if the student or goes to hospital or the doctors.

## 4.2 Student Sickness procedures

- The school offices have details of all medical problems of all students. Students may carry certain medication such as asthma inhalers by prior arrangement.
- Students must not carry any other medication; the school office is able to hold medication for use during the school day on receipt of a medical form from parents. This is kept in a locked cabinet in the Student Services Office.
- If a student complains of being unwell in the classroom and there is no obvious sign of sickness, the teacher should keep them in lesson for supervision in the first instance.
- If there is no improvement, the student should be escorted to Student Services.
- A student who needs to visit the toilet to be sick should be escorted by Code 1.
- Student Services will monitor the symptoms of any student who continues to be unwell and will contact parents for collection. Final permission should be obtained from a member of SLT.

## 4.3 Off-site procedures

When taking students off the school premises, staff will ensure they always have the following:

- A mobile phone
- A portable first aid kit
- Information about the specific medical needs of students
- Parents' contact details

Risk assessments will be completed by the visit leader prior to any educational visit that necessitates taking pupils off school premises.

## 5. First aid equipment

A typical first aid kit in our school will include the following:

- A leaflet with general first aid advice
- Regular and large bandages
- Eye pad bandages
- Triangular bandages
- Adhesive tape
- Safety pins
- Disposable gloves
- Antiseptic wipes
- Plasters of assorted sizes
- Scissors
- Cold compresses
- Burns dressings
- Sick bags (bio hazard bag to put in if used)
- Sanitary wear

No medication is kept in first aid kits.

First aid kits are stored in:

- Main School Office
- Sports Hall
- Science Labs (Lab Tech room)
- All Design and Technology classrooms (Rooms D/E/P)
- Support Centre
- Learning Hub
- Dining Hall
- Staff Room
- English block
- Attendance Office
- Student services

Defibrillators are stored in the Main School Office, Sports Hall, Room D and the Dining Hall.

## **6. Record-keeping and reporting**

### **6.1 First aid and accident recording**

- The accident will be recorded in Medical Tracker by the first aider on the same day or as soon as possible after an incident resulting in an injury. If it requires hospital attention it will be recorded in PRIME
- As much detail as possible should be supplied when reporting an accident, including all of the information included in the accident form at appendix 2
- A copy of the accident report form will also be added to the student's educational record by Student Services.
- Records held in the first aid and accident book will be retained by the school for a minimum of 3 years, in accordance with regulation 25 of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1979, and then securely disposed of

### **6.2 Reporting to the HSE**

The Main School Office will keep a record of any accident which results in a reportable injury, disease, or dangerous occurrence as defined in the RIDDOR 2013 legislation (regulations 4, 5, 6 and 7).

The School Business Manager will report these to the Health and Safety Executive as soon as is reasonably practicable and in any event within 10 days of the incident.

Reportable injuries, diseases or dangerous occurrences include:

- Death
- Specified injuries, which are:
  - Fractures, other than to fingers, thumbs and toes
  - Amputations
  - Any injury likely to lead to permanent loss of sight or reduction in sight
  - Any crush injury to the head or torso causing damage to the brain or internal organs
  - Serious burns (including scalding)
  - Any scalping requiring hospital treatment
  - Any loss of consciousness caused by head injury or asphyxia

- Any other injury arising from working in an enclosed space which leads to hypothermia or heat-induced illness, or requires resuscitation or admittance to hospital for more than 24 hours
- Injuries where an employee is away from work or unable to perform their normal work duties for more than 7 consecutive days (not including the day of the incident)
- Where an accident leads to someone being taken to hospital
- Near-miss events that do not result in an injury but could have done. Examples of near-miss events relevant to schools include, but are not limited to:
  - The collapse or failure of load-bearing parts of lifts and lifting equipment
  - The accidental release of a biological agent likely to cause severe human illness
  - The accidental release or escape of any substance that may cause a serious injury or damage to health
  - An electrical short circuit or overload causing a fire or explosion

Information on how to make a RIDDOR report is available here:

[How to make a RIDDOR report, HSE](http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/report.htm)

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/report.htm>

## 7. Training

All school staff are able to undertake first aid training if they would like to, and do so on a voluntary basis.

All first aiders must have completed a training course, and must hold a valid certificate of competence to show this. The school will keep a register of all trained first aiders, what training they have received and when this is valid until (see appendix 3).

Staff are encouraged to renew their first aid training when it is no longer valid.

## 8. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed by the School Business Manager annually.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the Full Governing Board.

## 9. Links with other policies

This first aid policy is linked to the

- Health and safety policy
- Administration of Medicine Guidance.
- Supporting Students with Medical Conditions

## Appendix 1: list of trained first aiders



# Ruskin First Aid

### First Aid Trained

Mr Hartley

Ms Batho

### Emergency First Aid at Work

Mrs Keele

Miss Greaves

Miss Bramley

Mr Cooper

Mr McGregor

Mrs Whitefoot

Mrs C M Harrison

Mrs Bennett

Mrs V Pownall

Mrs Lightfoot

Miss Lander

Miss Grinnell

Mrs Rotchell

Mrs Mann

Miss Daly

Mrs Holland

Miss Thorpe

Mrs Bratherton

Mrs Sant

Mr Stephenson

Mrs J Wild

Ms Bebbington

### Mental Health at Work Training

Miss Goodwin

Mrs Simmons

Mrs Keele

Mr Vitalis

Miss Lander

Ms Webster

## **Appendix 2: accident report form**

**Saved in SAM 'We Engage'**

**Plus in Shared Area/Staff Handbook**

**[V:\STAFF HANDBOOK\Section 1 - General Information\Accident and Incident report.docx](#)**

### Appendix 3: first aid training log

## First Aid Training - Expiry Dates

<b>First Aid Trained</b>	<b>Renewal Date</b>
Steve Hartley	21/09/2026
Sharon Batho	21/09/2026

<b>Emergency First Aid at Work Cert</b>	<b>Renewal Date</b>
Charlotte Bennett	21/11/2027
Claire Harrison	16/05/2026
Abbey Lander	08/10/2026
Sue Keele	12/10/2026
Alice Bramley	05/11/2026
Mark Gray	19/04/2027
Shelley Whitefoot	19/04/2027
Tom Neal	13/04/2027
Robyn Mann	21/11/2027
Chloe Grinnell	21/11/2027
Tracy Daily	21/11/2027
Michelle Holland	21/11/2027
Jennie Rotchell	21/11/2027
Tyler Cooper	21/11/2027
Kim Bebbington	03/07/2028
Charlsey Thorpe	03/07/2028
Steph Lightfoot	03/07/2028
Rebecca Sant	03/07/2028
Liane Bratherton	03/07/2028
Jane Wild	03/07/2028
Vicky Pownall	03/07/2028


### **Mental Health at Work**

Hazel Goodwin	Abbie Lander
Laura Simmons	Liz Webster
Sue Keele	Mike Vitalis